

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House Ashford Road, Thanington Without, on Monday, 12th January 1981 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. Day, Mr. E. Kite, Mr. W. Knott, Mr. A. R. Palmer, Mrs. M. Kite, Mrs. V. Sanders, Miss S. Knott.

APOLOGIES: There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

HOLES IN ASHFORD ROAD: No reply yet received.

BY-PASS: A reply to our letter had been received from the City Engineer, with copy of letter which he had received from the Consulting Engineer on the project. It would appear that street lighting at this location is not necessary, but our request will be kept on file and if it becomes obvious that there is a problem it is possible that the City Council may be able to help.

The Clerk was asked to write to say that street lighting was not required, but a bulk-head or similar type of light on the inside of the bridge over the footpath, either on the wall or the roof. This would ensure there was sufficient light so that pedestrians are not entering a dark tunnel.

The Clerk also to ask for a City Council representative to meet Councillor Mr. W. Knott on site to discuss the problem.

CLERK'S SALARY: Councillor Mr. E. Kite drew attention to the article in the Parish Council Review setting out suggested rate of remuneration for Clerks to Parish Councils, which was 40% of 1 new penny rate, to take effect as from 1st July 1981. Councillor Mr. E. Kite said that the formula of one third of the current penny rate, on which he had worked was therefore incorrect. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Knott and carried, that this should be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

FENCE ON ELEVATED FOOTPATH: No reply yet received.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Ashford Road Social Club, rent for meetings £9.00

Miss Eyles, Clerk's salary, postages and phone calls, phone rental, stationery £166.04

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders, seconded by Councillor Mr. E. Kite and carried, that these be signed.

RENT FOR HALL FOR MEETINGS: After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Miss S. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Knott and carried, that the Parish Council should increase the amount paid per meeting to £2 per meeting as from 1st January 1981.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Notification that the Direct Labour Organisation is no longer under the control of the City Engineer. It is the intention to extend the present services of the next department to include the needs of the Parish Councils. Noted.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Public Paths Conference, Voluntary Involvement. Conference at University of Kent, 10th/12 April 1981. Noted.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Kent Countryside Plan published for public comment and deposited at Council Offices and all main divisional libraries from 5th January to 16th February, 1981. Comments to be given to the City Architect & Planner by 16th February, 1981. Noted.

CANTERBURY/REIMS TWINNING: Membership open to any individual, family or group Parish Councils taking group membership of £5 would entitle all residents to take part in Association membership activities and receive the benefits offered. Villages could be put in touch with suitable villages (and there is a possibility that assistance towards expenses of an initial visit might be available from the British Council.) Other benefits: discount on ferry crossing, insurance, and advice on cheapest forms of travel on the French side. Coach trips are also organised to visit Reims. Normal way of twinning exchange functions is that food and accommodation is provided with families, but travel expenses by person or group making the exchange.

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CANTERBURY/REIMS TWINNING ASSOCIATION cont:

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that the Parish Council take Group membership at a cost of £5. A cheque for this amount was then signed. Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer to be delegate member.

K.A.P.C. Minutes of Area committee to hand.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

16 Bramley Avenue, extension at rear and front porch. As any objections had to be sent in before the date of the Parish Council Meeting, the Chairman and various other Parish Councillors had been consulted and no objections made, subject to no objections being made by neighbours. This action was confirmed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

FOOTPATH IN HOLLOW LANE: Councillor Mr. W. Knott expressed concern on the state of the footpath in Hollow Lane, from the east down to Wincheap Farm shop and buildings. During the by-pass work, a great deal of mud and chalk had been washed down on to this path, making it virtually impossible for pedestrians to use it without slipping or becoming over the ankle in mud. Now the bridge was completed it was time the footpath was cleared. It was agreed that a letter be written asking for the mud to be scraped from the footpath and the footpath then re-surfaced with tarmac so that it was again usable by pedestrians.

STILE AT MILTON BRIDGE: It was reported that a resident in Ashford Road had fallen and broken her ankle while attempting to mount the stile. As it was a difficult stile for elderly people to use, it was agreed that a letter be written to Messrs. R. Brett & Sons Ltd., asking if they would add an extra step and also put a platform on the meadow side. This would make it much easier for pedestrians to use.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 9th February 1981. Private Session at 7.30 pm followed by full committee at 8 pm.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

A. R. Palmer
9 Feb 1981